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Senators Cirino, McColley

**Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Gavarone, Huffman, S., Johnson, O'Brien,
Schaffer, Wilkin**

A BILL

To enact sections 3335.39, 3339.06, 3344.07, 1
3361.06, and 3364.07 of the Revised Code to 2
establish the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, 3
Culture, and Society at the Ohio State 4
University, to establish the Institute of 5
American Constitutional Thought and Leadership 6
at the University of Toledo, to establish 7
similar centers at the University of Cincinnati, 8
Miami University, and Cleveland State 9
University, and to make an appropriation. 10

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3335.39, 3339.06, 3344.07, 11
3361.06, and 3364.07 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 12
follows: 13

Sec. 3335.39. (A) (1) The Salmon P. Chase center for 14
civics, culture, and society is established as an independent 15
academic unit within the Ohio state university, physically 16
located in the college of public affairs. The center shall 17
conduct teaching and research in the historical ideas, 18

traditions, and texts that have shaped the American 19
constitutional order and society. 20

(2) The center shall establish bylaws requiring the center 21
to do all of the following: 22

(a) Educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous 23
intellectual inquiry to seek the truth; 24

(b) Affirm its duty to equip students with the skills, 25
habits, and dispositions of mind they need to reach their own 26
informed conclusions on matters of social and political 27
importance; 28

(c) Affirm the value of intellectual diversity in higher 29
education and aspire to enhance the intellectual diversity of 30
the university; 31

(d) Affirm a commitment to create a community dedicated to 32
an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the 33
intellectual freedom of each member, supports individual 34
capacities for growth, and welcomes the differences of opinion 35
that shall naturally exist in a public university community. 36

The requirements prescribed under divisions (A) (2) (a) to 37
(d) of this section shall take priority over any other bylaws 38
adopted by the center. 39

(3) The board of trustees of the university may change the 40
name of the center in accordance with the philanthropic naming 41
policies and practices of the university. 42

(B) The center shall be an independent academic unit 43
physically located at the college of public affairs with the 44
authority to house tenure-track faculty who hold their 45
appointments within the center. Faculty appointed to the center 46

shall not be required, but may, hold joint appointments within 47
any other division of the university. Not fewer than fifteen 48
tenure-track faculty positions shall be allotted to teach under 49
the center. No faculty outside of the center shall have the 50
authority to block faculty hires into the center. 51

(C) (1) The center shall offer instruction in all of the 52
following: 53

(a) The books and major debates which form the 54
intellectual foundation of free societies, especially that of 55
the United States; 56

(b) The principles, ideals, and institutions of the 57
American constitutional order; 58

(c) The foundations of responsible leadership and informed 59
citizenship. 60

(2) The center also shall focus on both of the following: 61

(a) Offering university-wide programming related to the 62
values of free speech and civil discourse; 63

(b) Expanding the intellectual diversity of the 64
university's academic community. 65

(D) (1) Not later than November 20, 2023, the board of 66
trustees of the university shall appoint, with the advice and 67
consent of the senate, a seven-member Chase center academic 68
council. An initial member shall not begin service until 69
confirmed by the senate. Four members shall form a quorum. 70

(2) The academic council shall be comprised of scholars 71
with relevant expertise and experience. Not more than one member 72
of the council may be an employee of the university. Best 73
efforts shall be made to have not fewer than three members of 74

the advisory board be from Ohio. 75

(3) Three members of the academic council shall serve 76
initial terms of two years and four members shall serve initial 77
terms of four years, which the members shall determine at their 78
first meeting, and select replacements for vacant seats. 79

(E) (1) The academic council established under division (D) 80
of this section shall conduct a nationwide search for candidates 81
for the director of the center and shall strictly adhere to all 82
relevant state and federal laws. The academic council shall 83
submit to the president of the university a list of finalists 84
from which the president shall select and appoint a director, 85
subject to approval by the board of trustees. Future directors 86
shall be chosen in the same manner. 87

(2) The director shall have the protection of tenure or 88
tenure eligibility. The director shall consult with the dean of 89
the college of public affairs; however, the director shall 90
report directly to the provost or the president of the 91
university. 92

(3) The director shall have the sole and exclusive 93
authority to manage the recruitment and hiring process and to 94
extend offers for employment for all faculty and staff, and to 95
terminate employment of all staff. The director shall oversee, 96
develop, and approve the center's curriculum. The center shall 97
be granted the authority to offer courses and develop 98
certificate, minor, and major programs as well as graduate 99
programs, and offer degrees. 100

(F) The director of the center shall submit an annual 101
report to the board of trustees of the university and the 102
general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the 103

Revised Code. The report shall provide a full account of the 104
center's achievements, opportunities, challenges, and obstacles 105
in the development of this academic unit. 106

Sec. 3339.06. (A) (1) The Miami university center for 107
civics, culture, and society is established as an independent 108
academic unit within Miami university, physically located in the 109
college of arts and sciences. The center shall conduct teaching 110
and research in the historical ideas, traditions, and texts that 111
have shaped the American constitutional order and society. 112

(2) The center shall establish bylaws requiring the center 113
to do all of the following: 114

(a) Educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous 115
intellectual inquiry to seek the truth; 116

(b) Affirm its duty to equip students with the skills, 117
habits, and dispositions of mind they need to reach their own 118
informed conclusions on matters of social and political 119
importance; 120

(c) Affirm the value of intellectual diversity in higher 121
education and aspire to enhance the intellectual diversity of 122
the university; 123

(d) Affirm a commitment to create a community dedicated to 124
an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the 125
intellectual freedom of each member, supports individual 126
capacities for growth, and welcomes the differences of opinion 127
that shall naturally exist in a public university community. 128

The requirements prescribed under divisions (A) (2) (a) to 129
(d) of this section shall take priority over any other bylaws 130
adopted by the center. 131

(3) The board of trustees of the university may name the center in accordance with the philanthropic naming policies and practices of the university. 132
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(B) The center shall be an independent academic unit physically located at the college of arts and sciences with the authority to house tenure-track faculty who hold their appointments within the center. Faculty appointed to the center shall not be required, but may, hold joint appointments within any other division of the university. Not fewer than ten tenure-track faculty positions shall be allotted to teach under the center. No faculty outside of the center shall have the authority to block faculty hires into the center. 135
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(C) (1) The center shall offer instruction in all of the following: 144
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(a) The books and major debates which form the intellectual foundation of free societies, especially that of the United States; 146
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(b) The principles, ideals, and institutions of the American constitutional order; 149
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(c) The foundations of responsible leadership and informed citizenship. 151
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(2) The center also shall focus on both of the following: 153

(a) Offering university-wide programming related to the values of free speech and civil discourse; 154
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(b) Expanding the intellectual diversity of the university's academic community. 156
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(D) (1) Not later than December 31, 2023, the board of trustees of the university shall appoint, with the advice and 158
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consent of the senate, a seven-member center academic council. 160
An initial member shall not begin service until confirmed by the 161
senate. Four members shall form a quorum. 162

(2) The academic council shall be comprised of scholars 163
with relevant expertise and experience. Not more than one member 164
of the council may be an employee of the university. Best 165
efforts shall be made to have not fewer than three members of 166
the advisory board be from Ohio. 167

(3) Three members of the academic council shall serve 168
initial terms of two years and four members shall serve initial 169
terms of four years, which the members shall determine at their 170
first meeting, and select replacements for vacant seats. 171

(E) (1) The academic council established under division (D) 172
of this section shall conduct a nationwide search for candidates 173
for the director of the center and shall strictly adhere to all 174
relevant state and federal laws. The academic council shall 175
submit to the president of the university a list of finalists 176
from which the president shall select and appoint a director, 177
subject to approval by the board of trustees. Future directors 178
shall be chosen in the same manner. 179

(2) The director shall have the protection of tenure or 180
tenure eligibility. The director shall consult with the dean of 181
the college of arts and sciences; however, the director shall 182
report directly to the provost or the president of the 183
university. 184

(3) The director shall have the sole and exclusive 185
authority to manage the recruitment and hiring process and to 186
extend offers for employment for all faculty and staff of the 187
center, and to terminate employment of all staff. The director 188

shall oversee, develop, and approve the center's curriculum. The 189
center shall be granted the authority to offer courses and 190
develop certificate, minor, and major programs as well as 191
graduate programs, and offer degrees. 192

(F) The director of the center shall submit an annual 193
report to the board of trustees of the university and the 194
general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the 195
Revised Code. The report shall provide a full account of the 196
center's achievements, opportunities, challenges, and obstacles 197
in the development of this academic unit. 198

Sec. 3344.07. (A) (1) The Cleveland state university center 199
for civics, culture, and society is established as an 200
independent academic unit within Cleveland state university, 201
physically located in the Levin college of public affairs and 202
education. The center shall conduct teaching and research in the 203
historical ideas, traditions, and texts that have shaped the 204
American constitutional order and society. 205

(2) The center shall establish bylaws requiring the center 206
to do all of the following: 207

(a) Educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous 208
intellectual inquiry to seek the truth; 209

(b) Affirm its duty to equip students with the skills, 210
habits, and dispositions of mind they need to reach their own 211
informed conclusions on matters of social and political 212
importance; 213

(c) Affirm the value of intellectual diversity in higher 214
education and aspire to enhance the intellectual diversity of 215
the university; 216

(d) Affirm a commitment to create a community dedicated to 217

an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the 218
intellectual freedom of each member, supports individual 219
capacities for growth, and welcomes the differences of opinion 220
that shall naturally exist in a public university community. 221

The requirements prescribed under divisions (A) (2) (a) to 222
(d) of this section shall take priority over any other bylaws 223
adopted by the center. 224

(3) The board of trustees of the university may name the 225
center in accordance with the philanthropic naming policies and 226
practices of the university. 227

(B) The center shall be an independent academic unit 228
physically located at the college of public affairs and 229
education with the authority to house tenure-track faculty who 230
hold their appointments within the center. Faculty appointed to 231
the center shall not be required, but may, hold joint 232
appointments within any other division of the university. Not 233
fewer than ten tenure-track faculty positions shall be allotted 234
to teach under the center. No faculty outside of the center 235
shall have the authority to block faculty hires into the center. 236

(C) (1) The center shall offer instruction in all of the 237
following: 238

(a) The books and major debates which form the 239
intellectual foundation of free societies, especially that of 240
the United States; 241

(b) The principles, ideals, and institutions of the 242
American constitutional order; 243

(c) The foundations of responsible leadership and informed 244
citizenship. 245

<u>(2) The center also shall focus on both of the following:</u>	246
<u>(a) Offering university-wide programming related to the</u>	247
<u>values of free speech and civil discourse;</u>	248
<u>(b) Expanding the intellectual diversity of the</u>	249
<u>university's academic community.</u>	250
<u>(D) (1) Not later than December 31, 2023, the board of</u>	251
<u>trustees of the university shall appoint, with the advice and</u>	252
<u>consent of the senate, a seven-member center academic council.</u>	253
<u>An initial member shall not begin service until confirmed by the</u>	254
<u>senate. Four members shall form a quorum.</u>	255
<u>(2) The academic council shall be comprised of scholars</u>	256
<u>with relevant expertise and experience. Not more than one member</u>	257
<u>of the council may be an employee of the university. Best</u>	258
<u>efforts shall be made to have not fewer than three members of</u>	259
<u>the advisory board be from Ohio.</u>	260
<u>(3) Three members of the academic council shall serve</u>	261
<u>initial terms of two years and four members shall serve initial</u>	262
<u>terms of four years, which the members shall determine at their</u>	263
<u>first meeting, and select replacements for vacant seats.</u>	264
<u>(E) (1) The academic council established under division (D)</u>	265
<u>of this section shall conduct a nationwide search for candidates</u>	266
<u>for the director of the center and shall strictly adhere to all</u>	267
<u>relevant state and federal laws. The academic council shall</u>	268
<u>submit to the president of the university a list of finalists</u>	269
<u>from which the president shall select and appoint a director,</u>	270
<u>subject to approval by the board of trustees. Future directors</u>	271
<u>shall be chosen in the same manner.</u>	272
<u>(2) The director shall have the protection of tenure or</u>	273
<u>tenure eligibility. The director shall consult with the dean of</u>	274

the college of public affairs and education; however, the 275
director shall report directly to the provost or the president 276
of the university. 277

(3) The director shall have the sole and exclusive 278
authority to manage the recruitment and hiring process and to 279
extend offers for employment for all faculty and staff of the 280
center, and to terminate employment of all staff. The director 281
shall oversee, develop, and approve the center's curriculum. The 282
center shall be granted the authority to offer courses and 283
develop certificate, minor, and major programs as well as 284
graduate programs, and offer degrees. 285

(F) The director of the center shall submit an annual 286
report to the board of trustees of the university and the 287
general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the 288
Revised Code. The report shall provide a full account of the 289
center's achievements, opportunities, challenges, and obstacles 290
in the development of this academic unit. 291

Sec. 3361.06. (A) (1) The university of Cincinnati center 292
for civics, culture, and society is established as an 293
independent academic unit within the university of Cincinnati, 294
physically located in the college of arts and sciences. The 295
center shall conduct teaching and research in the historical 296
ideas, traditions, and texts that have shaped the American 297
constitutional order and society. 298

(2) The center shall establish bylaws requiring the center 299
to do all of the following: 300

(a) Educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous 301
intellectual inquiry to seek the truth; 302

(b) Affirm its duty to equip students with the skills, 303

habits, and dispositions of mind they need to reach their own 304
informed conclusions on matters of social and political 305
importance; 306

(c) Affirm the value of intellectual diversity in higher 307
education and aspire to enhance the intellectual diversity of 308
the university; 309

(d) Affirm a commitment to create a community dedicated to 310
an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the 311
intellectual freedom of each member, supports individual 312
capacities for growth, and welcomes the differences of opinion 313
that shall naturally exist in a public university community. 314

The requirements prescribed under divisions (A) (2) (a) to 315
(d) of this section shall take priority over any other bylaws 316
adopted by the center. 317

(3) The board of trustees of the university may name the 318
center in accordance with the philanthropic naming policies and 319
practices of the university. 320

(B) The center shall be an independent academic unit 321
physically located at the college of arts and sciences with the 322
authority to house tenure-track faculty who hold their 323
appointments within the center. Faculty appointed to the center 324
shall not be required, but may, hold joint appointments within 325
any other division of the university. Not fewer than ten tenure- 326
track faculty positions shall be allotted to teach under the 327
center. No faculty outside of the center shall have the 328
authority to block faculty hires into the center. 329

(C) (1) The center shall offer instruction in all of the 330
following: 331

(a) The books and major debates which form the 332

intellectual foundation of free societies, especially that of 333
the United States; 334

(b) The principles, ideals, and institutions of the 335
American constitutional order; 336

(c) The foundations of responsible leadership and informed 337
citizenship. 338

(2) The center also shall focus on both of the following: 339

(a) Offering university-wide programming related to the 340
values of free speech and civil discourse; 341

(b) Expanding the intellectual diversity of the 342
university's academic community. 343

(D) (1) Not later than December 31, 2023, the board of 344
trustees of the university shall appoint, with the advice and 345
consent of the senate, a seven-member center academic council. 346
An initial member shall not begin service until confirmed by the 347
senate. Four members shall form a quorum. 348

(2) The academic council shall be comprised of scholars 349
with relevant expertise and experience. Not more than one member 350
of the council may be an employee of the university. Best 351
efforts shall be made to have not fewer than three members of 352
the advisory board be from Ohio. 353

(3) Three members of the academic council shall serve 354
initial terms of two years and four members shall serve initial 355
terms of four years, which the members shall determine at their 356
first meeting, and select replacements for vacant seats. 357

(E) (1) The academic council established under division (D) 358
of this section shall conduct a nationwide search for candidates 359
for the director of the center and shall strictly adhere to all 360

relevant state and federal laws. The academic council shall 361
submit to the president of the university a list of finalists 362
from which the president shall select and appoint a director, 363
subject to approval by the board of trustees. Future directors 364
shall be chosen in the same manner. 365

(2) The director shall have the protection of tenure or 366
tenure eligibility. The director shall consult with the dean of 367
the college of arts and sciences; however, the director shall 368
report directly to the provost or the president of the 369
university. 370

(3) The director shall have the sole and exclusive 371
authority to manage the recruitment and hiring process and to 372
extend offers for employment for all faculty and staff of the 373
center, and to terminate employment of all staff. The director 374
shall oversee, develop, and approve the center's curriculum. The 375
center shall be granted the authority to offer courses and 376
develop certificate, minor, and major programs as well as 377
graduate programs, and offer degrees. 378

(F) The director of the center shall submit an annual 379
report to the board of trustees of the university and the 380
general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the 381
Revised Code. The report shall provide a full account of the 382
center's achievements, opportunities, challenges, and obstacles 383
in the development of this academic unit. 384

Sec. 3364.07. (A) The institute of American constitutional 385
thought and leadership is established for the purpose of 386
creating and disseminating knowledge about American 387
constitutional thought and to form future leaders of the legal 388
profession through research, scholarship, teaching, 389
collaboration, and mentorship. The institute shall be an 390

independent academic unit within the university of Toledo, 391
physically located at the college of law. The university shall 392
require the college of law to provide adequate administrative 393
space for the institute. 394

(B) The institute shall pursue all of the following goals: 395

(1) To enrich the curriculum in American constitutional 396
studies, including the core texts and great debates of western 397
civilization; 398

(2) To educate university students in the principles, 399
ideals, and institutions of the American and Ohio constitutional 400
order; 401

(3) To educate university students in the foundations of 402
responsible leadership and informed citizenship and to cultivate 403
the next generation of leaders in the legal profession; 404

(4) To offer university-wide programming related to the 405
values of open inquiry and civil discourse; 406

(5) To expand the intellectual diversity of the 407
university's academic community and to create a rich forum for 408
the development of ideas across the political and ideological 409
spectrum; 410

(6) To support faculty and graduate student scholarship 411
that advances understanding of American constitutional thought 412
and institutions; 413

(7) To promote scholarly collaboration within the 414
university and beyond; 415

(8) To host lectures, debates, and symposia, and sponsor 416
visiting scholars, jurists, and teachers. 417

(C) The institute shall adhere to the following policies: 418

(1) The institute shall educate students by means of free, 419
open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth. 420

(2) The institute shall equip students with the skills, 421
habits, and dispositions of mind they need to reach their own 422
informed conclusions on matters of legal, social, and political 423
importance. 424

(3) The institute shall value intellectual diversity in 425
higher education, including in faculty recruitment, hiring, and 426
appointment, and aspire to enhance the intellectual diversity of 427
academic life at the university. 428

(4) The institute shall create a community dedicated to an 429
ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the intellectual 430
freedom of each member, supports individual capacities for 431
growth, and welcomes the differences of opinion that naturally 432
occur in a public university community. 433

(D) (1) Not later than sixty days after the effective date 434
of this section, the talent, compensation, and governance 435
committee of the board of trustees of the university, if such a 436
committee exists, shall appoint, with the advice and consent of 437
the senate, a seven-member institute academic council. If no 438
such committee exists, the board of trustees shall appoint 439
members under this division. An initial member shall not begin 440
service until confirmed by the senate. Four members shall form a 441
quorum. 442

(2) The academic council shall be comprised of scholars 443
with relevant expertise and experience. Not more than one member 444
of the council may be an employee of the university. Best 445
efforts shall be made to have not fewer than three members of 446

the council be from Ohio. 447

(3) Three members of the academic council shall serve 448
initial terms of two years and four members shall serve initial 449
terms of four years, which the members shall determine at their 450
first meeting, and select replacements for vacant seats. 451

(4) To fill a vacancy for the institute director after the 452
initial director, following a national search, the academic 453
council shall transmit to the president a list of finalists from 454
which the president shall select a director, subject to the 455
approval of the talent, compensation, and governance committee 456
of the board of trustees. 457

(E) (1) The institute shall be led by a director who shall 458
report directly to the president and provost of the university 459
and consult with the dean of the college of law. The president 460
of the university shall appoint an initial director not later 461
than thirty days after the effective date of this section. The 462
director shall be an expert of the western tradition, the 463
American founding, and American constitutional thought, and 464
shall have shown a commitment to the purposes, goals, and 465
policies of the institute. The director's term shall be for five 466
years and shall be renewable. 467

(2) The director shall have the protection of tenure or 468
tenure eligibility. Any existing tenure with the university held 469
by a director shall be maintained with the university. 470

(F) The institute shall be an independent academic unit of 471
the university with the authority to house tenure-track faculty 472
who hold their appointments within the institute. Not fewer than 473
five tenure-track faculty positions shall be allotted to the 474
institute. Faculty appointed within the institute shall not be 475

required, but may be permitted, to hold joint or courtesy 476
appointments within any other division of the university. No 477
faculty from outside the institute shall have the authority to 478
block faculty hires into the institute. 479

(G) (1) The director shall have the sole and exclusive 480
authority to manage the recruitment and hiring process and the 481
authority to extend offers for employment for all faculty and 482
staff, and to terminate employment of all staff. The director 483
shall oversee, develop, and approve the institute's curriculum. 484
The institute shall be granted the authority to offer courses 485
and develop certificate, minor, major, and graduate programs, 486
and offer degrees. 487

(2) Employment contracts offered under division (G) (1) of 488
this section to tenure-track faculty appointed to the institute 489
shall guarantee reappointment elsewhere in the university, at 490
the same rank and compensation, in the event the institute is 491
discontinued. 492

(H) The director of the institute shall submit an annual 493
report to the board of trustees of the university and the 494
general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the 495
Revised Code. The report shall provide a full account of the 496
institute's achievements, opportunities, challenges, and 497
obstacles in the development of this academic unit. 498

(I) The board of trustees of the university may change the 499
name of the institute in accordance with the philanthropic 500
naming policies and practices of the university. 501

Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 502
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 503
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 504

made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 505
2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 506
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 507
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 508

Section 3. 509

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A		BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION		
B	General Revenue Fund			
C	GRF 235533	Program and Project Support	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
D	TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET	FUND GROUPS	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000

PROGRAM AND PROJECT SUPPORT 511

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and 512
Project Support, \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be 513
distributed to The Ohio State University to support the Salmon 514
P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society established 515
under section 3335.39 of the Revised Code. 516

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and 517
Project Support, \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be 518
distributed to Miami University to support the center for 519
civics, culture, and society established under section 3339.06 520
of the Revised Code. 521

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and 522

Project Support, \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be 523
distributed to Cleveland State University to support the center 524
for civics, culture, and society established under section 525
3344.07 of the Revised Code. 526

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and 527
Project Support, \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be 528
distributed to the University of Cincinnati to support the 529
center for civics, culture, and society established under 530
section 3361.06 of the Revised Code. 531

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235533, Program and 532
Project Support, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be 533
distributed to the University of Toledo to support the Institute 534
of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership established 535
under section 3364.07 of the Revised Code. 536

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 537
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 538
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 539
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 540
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 541
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 542
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 543
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act 544
of the 135th General Assembly. 545